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THE ONE,
FROM THE LORD DIGBIE
To the QUEEN.

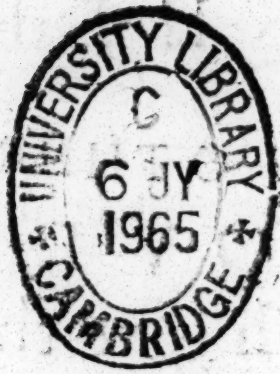
THE OTHER,
OF A LATE OVERTHROW
Which the English gave the Rebels, in
Ireland,



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LORD DIGBIES LET-
TER TO THE QUEEN.

M A D A M,



Shall not adventure
to write unto your
Majestie with free-
dome, but by expres-
ses, or till such time
as I have a Cypher,
which I beseech your
Majestie to vouchsafe me. At this time
therefore I shall onely let your Majesty
know where the humblest and most
faithfull servant you have in the world
is, here at *Middleborough*, where I shall
remain in the privatest way I can, till I
receive instructions how I shal serve the
King and your Majesty in these parts. If
the King betake himself to a safe place,
where



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where he may avow and protect his servants from rage & violence, for from Justice I will never implore it. I shall then live in impatience and in misery till I wait upon you. But if after all he hath done of late, he shall betake himself to the easiest and compliantest wayes of accommodation, I am confident, that then I shall serve him more by my absence, then by all my industry: and it will be a comfort to me in all calamities, if I cannot serve you by my actions, that I may do it in some kinde by my sufferings for your sake, having (I protest to God) no measure of happiness or misfortune in this world, but what I derive from your Majesties value of my affection and fidelitie.

*Middleborough the 21. Jan.
1641.*

Joyfull

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Joyfull Newes from *Ireland*, or a true
Relation of the great overthrow which
the *English* gave the Rebels before
Drogheda, &c.

Noble Sir,

IN my last to you, I signified to you,
the difficulties which were like to
befall us by the relieving of *Drohe-*
da, but God by his infinite mercy hath
freed us (I may say miraculously) from
that hazard ; for when our men there
were driven to that extremitie to eat
horse-flesh, Sir *Henry Tichbourn* sallied
out of the Town with onely forty
Horse, and beat off four hundred of the
Enemies, killed above threescore of
them, recovered fourscore Cowes and
Oxen, and two hundred sheep, burned
four Towns, and brought home two of
their Colours. Besides I must relate unto
you Gods abundant goodnes unto us, in
that the night before the relief and suc-
cours which we sent by Sea from *Dub-*
lin to them, should have entred into the

Harbor of *Drogheda*, (which was strongly fenced over with a chain and severall boats) there happened a storm which broke their chaines , and gave our men so free a passage, as with little difficultie they came safely to the Town. The Rebels were gathered at *Kilshalgam* within seven miles of *Dublin* , above two thousand men , where they were settled in a very strong wood. My Lord of *Ormond* carried out part of our Armie , and beat them out of that great strength (for they would not come into the Champaign) and killed above a hundred of them , without any considerable losse of our side, onely Captain *James Rochfort* , a most gallant and courageous Gentleman. This was an act of great braverie, wherein Sir *Charles Coot* did (as he doth alwayes) beyond expectation, exposing his person to as much danger as any man living could ; and in truth he is a gallant man, full of courage and good affections , and deserves great encouragement from that side.

Our

Our Soldiers are in great want of money, which causes a generall want of all other necessities, yet notwithstanding God hath infused such courage into them (for undoubtedly it is his work) that they think there is no danger so great, but they may attempt it.

Colonel *Munk* is arrived here with my Lord Lieutenants Regiment of fifteen hundred foot, and Sir *Richard Grevill* with neer four hundred Horse, which puts much heart into us, and makes us look big upon our neighbors, yet we grieve we cannot be able to relieve our friends in other parts; but I hope when our full succours shall come, we shall not onely defend this place, but adde comfort to our poor distressed friends abroad.

The enemy though their numbers be very great, even beyond belief, yet their hearts begin to faint, and I beleieve they repent their furious madnesse.

If my Brother be in *London*, I pray you impart this Letter to him, I would have
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written to him , but that I thought he
was at *Chester* , or in his way thither ;
By the next , he shall hear from me at
large , and I shall likewise trouble you.

I must now only tell you, that I thank
you for your care of those things which
concern me, and that I am, Sir, your most
affectionate servant,

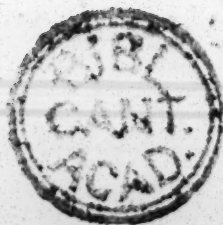
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